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MURDER MOST FOUL

Wm. Loyd Kills Charley Archer, His Step-brother.

A Little River Tragedy.

Loyd Taken to Benton Jail.

The second tragedy in Scott County within a month happened at Glen's Camp, a logging camp on Little River, about seven miles from Oran, on the early morning of Friday, the 9th inst.

A Mrs. Loyd with her son, Charley Archer, and her step-son, Wm. Loyd, lived at that place, the young men being engaged in the camp run by J. Himmelberger & Co., of Moorehouse. Mrs. Loyd was absent from home on the night in question, and the boys invited several of their chums to a chicken stew. They had whiskey there, a quarrel took place between Loyd and Archer and ended in the death of the latter by the hands of his step-brother.

Sheriff Miller and Coroner Lambert were notified by telegram from Oran the day of the killing, and both went to the scene of the tragic event. The sheriff got back to Benton the same evening, having in custody Loyd, whom he placed in jail. Mr. Lambert held an inquest, at which six witnesses testified, these being M. E. Hamilton, John F. Hager, Geo. Yates, Andrew R. Myers, Jess Turner and J. Colborn. All testified to the same facts in effect. We give the testimony of M. E. Hamilton, in which are embodied the facts on which the jury rendered its verdict.

M. E. Hamilton testified: That he knew Wm. Loyd and Charley Archer and saw the difficulty between them on the morning of the 9th. Loyd and Archer had invited him to a chicken stew and they had some whiskey there. While all eating, drinking and talking together the brothers had a dispute. Loyd and witness stood on one side of the table and Archer on the other. Loyd gave Archer the lie and, taking a knife out of his pocket, opened it. Archer was just at the door at that time. Loyd started around the table and Archer jumped in at the door and met him. Loyd struck Archer with the knife and both fell to the floor, and in doing so upset the table and extinguished the light. George Yates called for a light and the next thing witness saw was Loyd standing by Archer, who did not get up but said: "He has cut me all to pieces." He said he was sick, and never spoke thereafter. Loyd said: "Damn him, I haven't hurt him." We picked Archer up and laid him on a bed and he died in a few minutes.

No medical testimony was introduced and the jury returned a verdict finding that Charley Archer came to his death by eight wounds inflicted with a pocket knife in the hands of William Loyd.

Loyd bears a very indifferent reputation and his looks tally with that. It is said he had repeatedly expressed a determination to kill Archer. The latter seems to have been well thought of. Our reporter interviewed Loyd in jail but found he had little or nothing to say for himself beyond the fact that he made no attempt to escape arrest.

The preliminary examination is set for to-day (Saturday). The chances are that Loyd will waive examination.

Mules, Horses and Mares to sell on time by J. F. Evans, Blodgett, Mo.

Every newspaper man is familiar with the man who takes more newspapers than he can read. He was in town last week. He paid 25 cents for an almanac, wiped his nose on an awning, tried to blow out the electric light at the hotel, failed to light his cigar on it, put a nickel in the slot at the postoffice and kicked because the mail didn't appear, wanted to lick the cashier of the bank because it closed at 4 o'clock and watched the sign over one of the jewelry stores looking for it to strike.

—Bill Nye.

—Your PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN CHEAP. Best cabinet Photos reduced from \$3 to \$2 per dozen for the next ten days only. Special reduced prices to families. Depew's Photo Gallery, near Court House, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—Gus Flick, of Chicago, who has been in Benton for over six months, and whose musical and social qualities were highly appreciated here, left for his home in the city by the lake last Tuesday. Gus is a first-class bricklayer and an all round good fellow and his friends hope to see him back again when our coming building boom gets fairly under weigh.

—There will be an adjourned term of Probate court on the 26th inst.

—First-class baited Timothy Hay for sale. Apply to Mrs. SUSAN GAITHER, Comroe, Mo.

FROM ORAN.

"The Farmer's Son" was the title of a play rendered by members of the Oran M. M. & I. society last Friday night. The play represented farm and city life, and the downfall of a good boy. Most of the players knew their parts well and for the first effort it was a success. A song by Misses Odie Alley, Estelle Querry, Eva McClean and Mr. Elwood Alley entitled "Street Cries" was simply immense. Your scribe was agreeably astonished to witness so much musical talent in our village.

Coroner Lambert was here Friday and Saturday last on official business.

The next subject for discussion by our Literary Society is, "Resolved that Congress is a greater civilization than Religion." Judge Hale affirms. Mr. Underwood denies. The Judge preferred the term Congress to Commerce. We believe the Judge has made a mistake. Details later.

The committee to arrange a time and question for a debate between the Morley and Oran Literary Societies failed to report Friday night. Their excuse was that the local train came too late each evening set for going to Morley. They were allowed another week's time.

Judge Hale went to St. Louis Monday to represent the Oran A. O. U. W. Lodge in the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

There was a pugilistic contest between two young men in front of Hale's drugstore Monday morning. They both exhibited some skill in this popular pastime. The marshal broke up the sport before the contest was decided. \$1 and trimmings each.

Uncle John Friend has sold his interest in the Friend & Gilmore mill to the latter gentleman.

Judge Wm. Friend is receiving rents on two of his buildings, notwithstanding the fact they are unoccupied.

Exp.-postmaster Querry has moved from the John Meyers property to a new cottage recently built by Judge Friend.

Frank Lohar has moved into his new residence in the east end of the village.

Father Brandt, of Charleston, preached a fine sermon here Sunday night. Text: "Come Lord Jesus." Father Brandt draws some very beautiful pictures of Heaven and eternal life, but admits that the finite mind while here can have no correct ideas of God. Paul admits the same fact when he says "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has entered any man's mind to conceive of the good things prepared for those who love the Lord."

The city "dads" contemplate building a courthouse and city hall in the near future. Plans and bids are being made for same.

Rumor says P. E. Genoway has purchased another lot near the Methodist church from W. H. Stubblefield.

The following subject will be discussed by the Morley and Oran Literary Societies Friday night, Feb. 23, 1894: "Resolved that women should be allowed the right of suffrage." Morley affirms, Oran denies. The debate will take place here.

We are having lots of weather in Oran.

Dr. Radcliffe is absent at Randolph Station.

Among the many hindrances mentioned by Rev. Reeves in the way of runners in the Christian life race, he mentioned pride and commented upon the time ladies take in curling their bangs. This was not a popular theme and the ladies do not admire his version of the case. UXO.

—FOR SALE, in Benton, a good six room house, lot 105 1/2 x 138 1/2 feet. Also a good shop, 25 x 75 feet, lot same size as above. Terms easy. Address H. L. Yeakey, Benton, Mo.

—August Ledore and Andy Link were in town Monday. They complained of the condition of the road between Benton and the foot of the hill on the Commerce road. They claim that fifty dollars spent on the hill would put it in good condition, but, if neglected too long, great washes will be the result. The hills that are graveled should be looked after and kept up. The cost to grave these hills was considerable and the expense to keep them up would be comparatively small if looked after in time. Our roads should not be neglected, and we should keep in good repair those parts graveled and gravel as speedily as possible the ungraveled portions. A want of understanding and system has resulted in a nearly useless expenditure of enough labor and money to have furnished our county with good, substantial roads.

—Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

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FAMOUS!

Wm. F. Miller, Sheriff of Scott county died at his official residence in Benton at 5 o'clock a. m., February 15, 1894, aged 35 years, 1 month and 2 days.

Deceased was born in Richwoods, this county, and, with the exception of two years, has resided in the county all his life. He married in 1877 Johanna Bryans, who, with their 13-year-old boy survives him. In 1888 Mr. Miller became constable of Morley township, in which office he remained four years, and in 1892 he ran for sheriff of the county and was elected. He would have been a candidate in the coming campaign in which case his re-election would have been certain, as he had given universal satisfaction by the undivided attention which he gave to his duties and his urbanity to all with whom he came in contact.

In the course of his official duty he was called upon to arrest Loyd, the Little River homicide, last Friday. The back water was high and it was necessary to drive miles through water up to the ankles. Mr. Miller took cold and acute pneumonia set in with the above fatal result. He retained his consciousness up to the end.

Deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W. Lodge at Oran, and was well known, and liked all over Scott county. His widow and orphaned son have the deep sympathy of the entire community. His funeral took place from the Baptist church at Morley to the Morley cemetery Friday afternoon, the Lodge of which he was a member taking part in the ceremonies.

—Thos. Hawkins, living near Commerce, while unloading poles was struck on a chronically lame leg, which was fractured by the blow. It is feared that amputation will be necessary.

—The snow storm which prevailed all over the north the early part of the week favored us with what little it had left, and the wheat gets the benefit.

—The Charleston Enterprise's "stenographer" was in Benton last week and took home the startling information that our county primary election will take place on Wednesday, April 3d, and that on the 4th we will hold a convention to select delegates to attend Congressional, Senatorial and State conventions. As our county committee has not met yet this information is quite as reliable as Martin's "stenographer" could be expected to produce. He is of a piece with the rest of the outfit.

—Dr. M. W. Phillips, the dentist, on account of an excess of work at Sikeston, missed his appointment at Benton on the 12th inst., but will be here on the 19th without fail.

—There are seven prisoners in the county jail at present and one or two townships to hear from.

—Geo. Menz, living near Kelso, while opening a gate, slipped, fell and broke a leg.

—Don't miss the Public School entertainment at the courthouse in Benton next Thursday night. Admission free and all invited.

—J. N. Chaney and Sam Tanner, of Sikeston, and J. T. Anderson, A. N. Ellis and Ben Tonkoff, of Commerce, all had business in Benton on Monday.

—W. R. Scherer, Chris Benton, Chas. and Albert Hawkins and sister of Blodgett, attended Probate court Monday.

—W. H. Stubblefield and J. W. Hobbs, of Oran, were in to see us on Monday.

—Squire Schenck and Peter Bosen took charge of the Newsboy's sanctum Thursday. The Squire occupied the editorial chair and Peter undertook to dictate the policy of the paper. When Peter announced his intention of making the Newsboy a prohibition sheet a discussion arose in which both agreed to disagree and we were compelled to take hold of the reins again.

—Frank Zundel and Andrew Metz, of Oran, came over to see the folks Tuesday.

—R. S. Coleman, of Moorehouse, dropped in to see us Tuesday. He anticipates starting into business in Essex. Rube seems to get younger and jollier every time we meet him.

—Wm. Byrne, of Bleda, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Casper Miller, of Kelso, John Halter, of Oran, and Louis Pfeiffer, of New Hamburg, were among our callers the first of the week.

—J. R. Joyce, of Sikeston, attended Probate court Monday.

—Judge Leedy went to St. Louis Tuesday evening.

—Rev. Kennedy and family, of Oran, were the guests of Mrs. J. M. Leftwich this week.

—Benedict Scherer has had a tussle with the grip, but is improving.

—Martin Scherer, of New Hamburg, was in to see us Tuesday. He complimented Prof. Winkelman very highly and says he has the finest choir ever in St. Lawrence church.

—Friday of last week the Peavine was off the track again and our south bound papers lay over twenty-four hours. Monday another ditching and delayed mail. If this sort of thing is to continue all spring our citizens will have to establish a hack service.

—WANTED. A young man to learn photography. A most lucrative and profitable trade. For terms write to Depew's Photo Studio, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—Josephine, wife of Ben McKinley, of Commerce, died Wednesday night and was buried Friday at the Commerce cemetery.

—The Benton Public School will give an entertainment on the evening of the 22nd inst. (Washington's birthday) consisting of dialogues, recitations, part and solo singing etc. The entertainment will be free.

FROM MORLEY.

Frank Hudson returned to town last Saturday from his farm. Doc. has been fixing to raise a crop of watermelons.

J. E. Franklin, the banker and Loan Association man from Jackson, was down last week getting plans for some new houses he is to build next spring.

Joe Bowman, of Oran, was sightseeing in town last week.

Will Watson has been appointed storekeeper and gauger at Tomlinson's still. Will is a sober, steady man and we are glad he has the position.

The grand ball at Wm. Settle's was a success from the word go. Everybody was there and had a boss time.

Rev. Kilgore, the great Evangelist of the M. E. faith, was here last week and assisted in the revival here.

The Cannon Ball, on the Peavine, "failed to rattle" last Friday on account of high water in the cypress—poor thing.

The young people of Morley were tendered a nice social at the residence of G. W. Bowman last Wednesday evening. All who attended report a splendid time.

Rev. Colvin, of the Christian faith, is here holding a series of meetings, and it is hoped he will do a deal of good.

Dr. C. C. Harris claims to be the champion rifle shot of Scott county. The Dr. has a little rifle and he practices daily. Dr. says he is practicing for the Blodgett chap who wants his scalp.

J. J. Hunter and Bob Harrison have leased the cannery factory for the coming year and will run the same. They are ready to contract with farmers for their produce.

Mrs. Sarah Boyce left Wednesday for Toledo, O., to attend the funeral of her mother.

John Peal, of Blodgett, was up seeing the people yesterday.

Wm. Hill had an attack of erysipelas last week, but we are glad to say he is able to be around again.

Dick Hunter left today for St. Louis, where he goes to buy himself a pair of mules. Dick says he is going to farm some enough.

The good people of Morley will vote for a \$4,000 schoolhouse the coming school election. The building is to be a two story, four room brick.

OLD SOX.

FROM SIKESTON.

The Newsboy did not reach Sikeston until Wednesday. Not knowing any good reason for the delay, we naturally infer that something has again gone wrong with the great Interstate-Hook mail route.

Miss Pratt, of Charleston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Tanner, this week.

Strand Crane, the assistant at the depot, is suffering with pneumonia, but is mending.

Milo Gresham is building a new residence adjoining the one he formerly occupied. He expects to return from the country as soon as his school closes.

The protracted Presbyterian meeting at the Baptist church by Revs. Fleunming and Mitchell is fairly well attended.

Frank Wilkinson, who has been City Marshal for two years past, has moved to Fulton, Ky., where he has purchased a lively stable. Nat Ingram will act as his deputy until the Board of Aldermen accepts Wilkinson's resignation, and perhaps until next election, which is not far distant.

Miss Pet Kirby leaves this week for St. Louis, where she will remain several weeks reviewing the millinery styles and selecting stock for the coming season.

George Nevill, the efficient young clerk at Malone & Vanauddall's, leaves on Sunday for his home at Columbia, Tenn., for a few days' visit.

The dance given at the Opera House last week was better attended than any for the past two years.

Isaac Draper created a little excitement last Sunday evening during church hour by firing a revolver two or three times, which sounded like the explosion of a small gaffling gun. He explained the matter by saying he was tired of having men trying his doors and scaring his wife during his absence attending to his duties as sexton at church. This time he meant to foot some one, and it is reported he had some ducks wading mud and water knee deep at a lively pace.

—I. T. Cole, of Clinton, Ky., promises all who want to build in Benton that he will put up brickwork at ten dollars a thousand, clear, and give bonds for due performance of his contracts.

—Died, in childbirth, near Diehlstadt, February 11th, Mrs. Lora Moore, wife of Will Moore, and on the 13th, at same place, of pneumonia, John Moore, father of Will. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

—Dr. Tomlinson, of Morley, was called into consultation by J. Freeling in Sheriff Miller's case Tuesday.

—The law makes the county coroner sheriff pro tem in case of the death of the sheriff. In cases where less than nine months elapse between such death and the day of next election, the county court has power to appoint a sheriff. Until such appointment is made W. C. Lambert is sheriff of Scott county.

—A certain man who was without guile, patient, long suffering and full of meekness, went down into a far country to start a newspaper.

And divers publicans and sinners beholding him said one to another: Behold now a man without guile, a greenhorn from Wayback and a sucker from the regions of Kansas. Of a surety now we have a soft snap and we will make the Gentile exceeding weary.

Wherefore they went up into the sanctum of the man without guile, even the newspaper man, and said unto him:

Lo, now, we will take thy paper, and will pay thee in wood of oak and of cottonwood and of hickory, and in butter and chickens and hen fruit.

And the editor said: It is well, and he went apart and covered his face with his mantle and wept for joy.

And he lifted up his voice and said: Oh, Lord, I thank Thee that Thou hast led me beside these still waters and caused me to lie down in these green pastures.

And it came to pass that the weather waxed cold and the editor would fain have warmed himself by the fire of oak or of cottonwood or of hickory; also, he would have taken of the hen fruit and the butter.

But when he said to the publicans and sinners: Do now as ye have promised; behold they laughed him to scorn and said unto him: Rats! Come off and give us a rest. Behold now, thou makest us exceeding tired.

And the editor's spirit waxed faint and he died and was taken up into Abraham's bosom.

And in the fullness of time the publicans and sinners died also; but it was not so that they went to Abraham's bosom—not by an exceeding long while.

But fiends from the nethermost pit environed them about and hauled them to a place of torment and when they cried out because the thermometer was passing low, then would the fiends mock them, saying: Rats! Come off and give us a rest. Behold, thou makest us exceeding tired.

Wherefore brethren, let us arise and carry wood unto the printer, lest we be even as the publicans and sinners. Behold the winter cometh, when no man can buy wood.

REXARD SMITH.